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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 22, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 22, 2009, please enter the following response. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, thus making this response due on or before March 22, 2010. Applicant believes there is no fee due at this time. However, should fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to Deposit Account 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.